

# DAY ONE/LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE SOCIETY

## LEWIS AND HARRIS BRANCH

Ms Leona Rawlinson  
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Church Street  
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Isle of Lewis

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Leona,

**RE: SUNDAY OPENING OF TWEED TASTIC**

We refer to the above.

First of all, we offer our sincere congratulations on the setting up of your new venture Tweed Tastic and note the recently reported success of your online business. It is encouraging to see that there remains a very strong entrepreneurial drive amongst islanders and it is our desire to see ventures such as this succeed.

However it is with great regret and concern that we have come to learn that the shop's opening hours continue to extend into Sunday afternoon. This will be a concern not only to the many professing Christians on the island and beyond, but also, as recent history has taught in connection with the Ionad Spòrs Leòdhais "Sunday Opening" campaign, to the many islanders who are not professing Christians but cherish, respect and wish to protect the local custom of honouring the Sabbath and enjoying the blessings that flow from keeping the Lord's Day such as maintaining a distinct day free from work pressures and for family life.

The purpose of our letter is certainly not to intimidate you into closing on Sunday, (that would not be following the example of our Lord), nor are we aware of any organised campaign in relation to this matter. However, it is a sincere and humble request that you consider closing the shop on the Lord's Day. We recognise that you may feel there is a market to serve, (though we consider this to be very limited), but more importantly we believe that there is much more to lose, both for yourself and for the wider community in the long term. We are concerned for the spiritual and eternal as well as temporal consequences of such actions of Sunday Opening and do not believe that lasting blessing or profit will follow. Indeed, we are aware of many Christians expressing disappointment that such an interesting shop as Tweed Tastic is trading on Sundays and that solely because of this they are refusing to give of their patronage.

In the meantime, and for your encouragement, you may be interested to learn of another woman who was a seller of purple cloth. Her name was Lydia but on the Sabbath day she rested from the world of commerce and was found worshipping with other women. You can take up the narrative in Acts 16:11-15 of the New Testament.

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#### *The Conversion of Lydia*

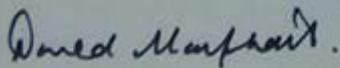
[11] So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, [12] and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. [13] And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. [14] One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. [15] And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Whilst Lydia was a woman who was serious about her trade, and rightly so, she was also serious about her soul. One Bible commentator says in connection with Lydia, "We have a trade to mind; for have not we also a God to serve, and souls to look after."

The committee members of the DayOne/LDOS were not always Christians. We remain sinners, but sinners saved by the grace of God. Our eyes and hearts were once closed to the Gospel and, possibly similar to you, some of us had a rather indifferent view of the Sabbath. However, like he did with Lydia, the Lord opened our hearts and our prayer is that he will open yours and that you will come to know and enjoy Him, the blessings of His day of rest and the promise of an eternal rest in Him. In this connection, we hope that you will accept the enclosed Bible as a gift from the Branch.

*"If you make your home in the Bible, the Bible will take you home."*

Yours sincerely



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